



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

REP. GARY HOWELL

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 6, 2021

10:30 AM

Room 307, House Office Building

The House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation was called to order by the Chair Howell.

At 10:44 AM, the Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Howell, Markkanen, LaFave, Eisen, Wakeman, Sowerby, Cambensy, Aiyash.

Absent: Rep. Marino.

Excused: None.

Representative Sowerby moved to adopt the meeting minutes from April 29, 2021. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4332 before the committee:

HB 4332 (Rep. Steven Johnson)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 81116 (MCL 324.81116), as amended by 2017 PA 199.

Representative Steven Johnson, testified in support of HB 4332. Questions and discussion followed.

Lewis Schuler, representing the Michigan Cycle Conservation Club, testified in support of HB 4332.

Thomas Dunn, representing the Michigan ORV workgroup, testified in support of HB 4332.

The following people submitted a card with a neutral position on HB 4332, but did not wish to speak:

Craig Brunet, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The Chair laid HB 4080 before the committee:

HB 4080 (Rep. LaFave)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 40102, 40103, and 40114 (MCL 324.40102, 324.40103, and 324.40114), section 40102 as amended by 2015 PA 24, section 40103 as amended by 2016 PA 382, and section 40114 as amended by 2018 PA 390, and by adding section 40111d.

Representative LaFave, testified in support of HB 4080. Questions and discussion followed.

Bob Jones, representing the Michigan Bow Hunters Association, testified in opposition to HB 4080. Questions and discussion followed.

Craig Brunet, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in opposition to HB 4080. Questions and discussion followed.

Lt. Tom Wanless, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Division, testified in opposition to HB 4080.

Lt. Jason Wicklund, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement division, testified in opposition to HB 4080.

Chris Turek, representing the himself, testified in support of HB 4080.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4080, but did not wish to speak:

Brent Simpson, representing the Airguns of Michigan.

Tony Essenmacher, representing the himself.

Mitch King, representing the Airgun Sporting Association.

Val Gamerman, representing the Pyramyd Air.

Ken Buchholtz, representing the himself.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4080, but did not wish to speak:

Dave and Lydia Lucas, representing the themselves.

Dean and Ellen Hall, representing the themselves.

Dale Hendershot, representing the Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers Association.

The Chair laid HB 4242 before the committee:

HB 4242 (Rep. Alexander)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 48729 (MCL 324.48729), as amended by 2018 PA 643.

Representative Markkanen moved to report out HB 4242 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 6-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Markkanen, LaFave, Eisen, Wakeman, Cambensy.

Nays: Reps. Sowerby, Aiyash.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4088 before the committee:

HB 4088 (Rep. Borton)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 40111a (MCL 324.40111a), as amended by 2015 PA 265.

Substitute (H-1) was previously adopted on April 20, 2021.

Representative Markkanen moved to report out HB 4088 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 8-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Markkanen, LaFave, Eisen, Wakeman, Sowerby, Cambensy, Aiyash.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid before the Committee a presentation by Nicki Polan, Executive Director of the Michigan Boating Industries Association. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. Gary Howell adjourned the meeting at 11:42 AM.

Representative Gary Howell, Chair

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